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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Prices realized for American apples on the Liverpool auction of December 15 were slightly below the level of the previous week, according to quotations cabled by Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. Maine Baldwins topped the market, but sold slowly at from \$4.37 to \$5.84 per barrel as against \$5.84 to \$6.03 per barrel last week. Much of the barreled stock, particularly of the Virginia varieties, was in variable condition. Prices on boxed varieties also tended downward, Extra Fancy Yellow Newtowns from Oregon bringing from \$2.93 to \$3.16 per box as compared with \$3.41 last week.

All of the Virginia varieties were in light supply but the condition of the fruit was extremely variable. The demand was slow even for good condition fruit. Virginia York Imperials are showing slight scald, states Mr. Smith. Recent arrivals of Yorks in overripe condition and with considerable waste have taken the confidence out of that line. Rhode Island Greenings from New York and Baldwins from Maine were in liberal supply and good condition. These varieties sold moderately, the Greenings bringing from \$4.62 to \$5.11 per barrel as against \$5.34 to \$6.33 the preceding week. New York Baldwins were in light supply but the demand was slow, due probably to the fact that the fruit was only in fair condition. Supplies of Oregon Yellow Newtowns were liberal but only light supplies of Oregon Delicious were available. Other boxed varieties were in light to moderate supply.

The British market in general is steady on cooking apples but weak on dessert varieties, states Mr. Smith. Supplies of barreled apples from Nova Scotia are heavy. Large quantities of Spanish and Jaffa oranges are also being offered on the market. The Nova Scotian apples are selling mostly for from \$2.92 to \$4.14 per barrel. Spanish and Jaffa oranges are bringing from \$2.55 to \$3.65 per box. Jamaican grapefruit is selling at from \$3.65 to \$5.35 per box. The weather in Great Britain during the past week was mostly clear and cool.

Prices quoted in Hamburg were considerably above those quoted in Liverpool. Pacific Northwest Jonathans and Spitzenburgs are reaching the Hamburg market in an overripe condition and with a small amount of vitality, states Mr. Smith. The market is showing weakness on boxed apples, which are greatly in excess of demand. Supplies of barreled apples, however, are only moderate and the market for these is showing strength. Small quantities of attractive peaches, apricots and plums are beginning to arrive from South Africa. This fruit is from the new South African crop and is selling at high prices ranging from \$3.65 to \$6.03 per box of ten pounds. Shipments in volume, however, are not expected to reach the market until about January 1. Wider distribution of South African fruit on the continent is expected this season.

The following table shows the prices paid for American apples on the Liverpool and Hamburg markets during the past week:

Prices paid for American Apples in Liverpool and Hamburg

| Variety and Grade | Origin | Price | |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | Dec. 8, 1926 | Dec. 15, 1926 |
| | | Per bbl | Per bbl |
| LIVERPOOL: | | | |
| York Imperial, A-2 1/2 in..... | Virginia | \$4.38 - 4.37 | \$4.62 - 5.47 |
| A-2 1/4 in..... | " | 4.38 - 4.74 | 4.38 - 4.74 |
| Ben Davis, A-2 1/2 in..... | " | 4.32 | 3.89 - 4.14 |
| A-2 1/4 in..... | " | 3.77 - 4.25 | a/ |
| Winesap, A-2 1/4 in..... | " | 3.39 - 4.26 | 4.14 - 4.62 |
| Stayman Winesap, A-2 1/4 in..... | " | 3.39 - 4.20 | 4.14 - 4.87 |
| Rhode Island Greening, A-2 1/2 in. | New York | 5.84 - 6.33 | 4.62 - 5.11 |
| Baldwin, A-2 1/2 in..... | Maine | 5.34 - 5.03 | 4.37 - 5.84 |
| A-2 1/4 in..... | " | 5.23 - 5.60 | a/ |
| A-2 1/4 in..... | New York | a/ | 3.71 - 3.33 |
| Gano, A-2 1/4 in..... | Virginia | 4.25 | a/ |
| Yellow Newtown, A-2 1/4 in..... | " | 5.57 | a/ |
| Jonathan: | | | |
| Extra Fancy, 163/175 | Washington | 2.68 | 2.62 |
| Fancy, 163/175 | " | 2.62 | a/ |
| Extra Fancy, 163/175 | California | 2.19 | a/ |
| Rome Beauty: | | | |
| Fancy, 163/175 | Washington | 2.19 | a/ |
| Spitzenburg: | | | |
| Extra Fancy, 163/175 | Oregon | a/ | 2.19 - 2.31 |
| Fancy, 163/175 | " | 1.95 - 2.25 | a/ |
| Delicious: | | | |
| Extra Fancy, 163/175 | " | 2.92 | 2.86 |
| Fancy, 163/175 | " | 2.92 | a/ |
| Ortley: | | | |
| Extra Fancy, 183/smaller | " | 2.07 - 2.55 | a/ |
| Yellow Newtown: | | | |
| Extra Fancy, 163/175 | " | 3.41 | 2.98 - 3.16 |
| Fancy, 163/175 | " | 2.62 - 2.80 | 2.55 |
| Fancy, 183/smaller | " | 1.95 - 2.68 | a/ |
| Fancy, 183/smaller | California | a/ | 1.89 |
| Winter Nellis Pear | Oregon | 4.62 - 5.35 | 5.11 - 5.47 |
| Keiffer Pear | | | |
| | New York | a/ | 2.43 - 3.10 |
| HAMBURG: | | | |
| York Imperial | Virginia | a/ | 5.11 - 6.33 |
| Ben Davis | " | a/ | 5.11 - 6.08 |
| Winesap | " | a/ | 5.84 - 6.57 |
| Gano | " | a/ | 5.11 - 6.33 |
| Baldwin | New York | a/ | 4.62 - 6.08 |
| Jonathan | | | |
| | Washington | a/ | 2.31 - 2.63 |
| Winesap | " | a/ | 2.43 - 2.92 |
| Yellow Newtown | Oregon | a/ | 2.31 - 2.63 |
| Spitzenburg | " | a/ | 2.43 - 2.63 |
| Ortley | " | a/ | 2.92 - 3.16 |

a/ Not quoted in cable.

